



By the King.

A proclamation for the new making, altering, amending, dressing, repairing, proouing, and stamping of Armours, Gunnes, Pikes, and Bandaliers, both of the common Armes, and Armes of the Trayned Band throughout England and Wales.



Whereas Vee foreseeing in Our Princely Iudgement how necessary it is for the preseruation of Our Selfe, and the Subjects of Our Kingdome in generall, That the Armors, Gunnes, Pikes, and Bandaliers Within this Realme, be from time to time repayred, amended, dressed, and stamped: And that those Armes according to the iust and full number charged by the Muster-Rolles in every severall Countie, bee fully furnished, and compleatly maintayned, Which now as Vee are credibly informed are in many parts of this Kingdome much decayed and neglected, and that expert and skilfull Workemen may bee trayned vp, employed, and maintayned, as well in times of Peace, as of Warre: To the end We may not bee enforced in times of Warre to seeke for Armes, Armours, Gunnes, Pikes, and Bandaliers in Forreigne parts, and so bee either vnprouided of them, or supplied at deare and vncertayne Rates, at the pleasure of Forreigne Princes or States, When any vnxpected occasion of imployment, or sudden Seruice for the safety and honour of Our Person and State shall require.

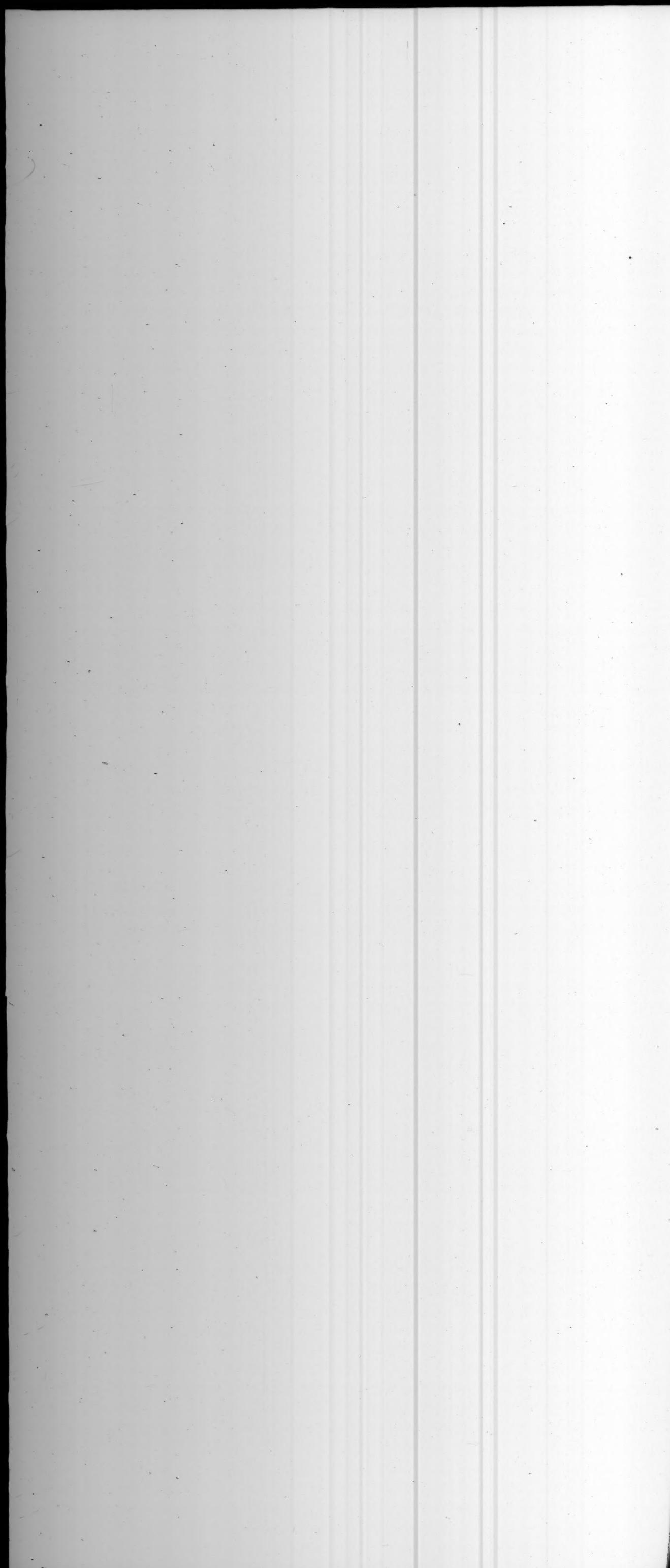
And Vee well Weighing in Our Princely consideration the dangerous consequence thereof, did for Our better Information, referre the further consideration thereof to Our Councell at Warre and other speciall Committees, Who vpon mature deliberation haue certifiid Us, That the Company of Workemen Armourers, Gunne-makers, Pike-makers, and Bandalier-makers of Our Citie of London (being the skilfulest and prime Workemen of this Land) are most fit to bee employed and encouraged in this Seruice; That so they hauing conuenient employmet in time of Peace, We may be assured of their true and effectuall Seruice in the times of Warre, and yet they to performe the said Seruice at such Rates and Prices, as shall not bee lesse

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to their own discretion, but shall be particularly agreed upon and ordered. And thereupon we have by and with the advice of Our said Council of War, and by and with the advice of the Lords and others of Our Privie Council, granted a Commission vnder Our great Seale of England, unto John Francklin, William Crouch, John Ashton, Thomas Steeuens, Rowland Foster, Nicholas Marshall, William Coxe, Edward Anesley, **Workemen Armourers**, Henry Rowland, Richard Berrowe, Thomas Addis, John Norcot, William Dawstyn, William Watson, John Watson, and William Graues **Gun-makers**; John Edwards, Robert Thacker, and Bartholomew Ray **Pike-makers**, and John Gace, and William Beauchamp, **Bandalier-makers**, **Freemen of Our Citie of London**, **Workmen of those Trades or Mysteries**, who are accordingly willing to undertake this Service, and haue according to the said Certificate, giuen caution in Our Office of Ordinance, to be ready when we shall haue occasion to set them on worke at seven dayes warning: And that the said Armourers will deliver into Our Stores, for ready moneys, fiftene hundred Armours, euery Moneth: And the Gun-makers as many Muskets, and bastard Muskets, and small shot vpon the same warning. As also the Pike-makers and Bandalier-makers a proportionable number vpon like warning, for Our Service: And that they the said Armourers, Gunne-makers, Pike-makers, and Bandalier-makers will bring vp Apprentices from time to time, to be expert and skilfull in these severall Occupations, which are so necessary for the defence of this Kingdome, so as they may bee employed in making, mending, dressing, stamping, and repaying of Armoires, Gunnes, Pikes and Bandaliers in the Citie and Countrey; And haue agreed and entred Bond as aforesaid, that they will not exceed the Rates and Prices in a Schedule to the said Commission annexed, & mentioned, expressing the severall Rates and Prices, which shall bee allowed them respectively for the said Worke, which are very reasonable, and not onely without grievance, but very much for the ease and benefit of Our Subjects, who are or shall bee concerned, in respect of their former trouble and charges in that kind, and likewise will performe such other directions, as wee shall from time to time prescribe unto them for the better aduancing of so publique and necessary a Service, as need shall require.

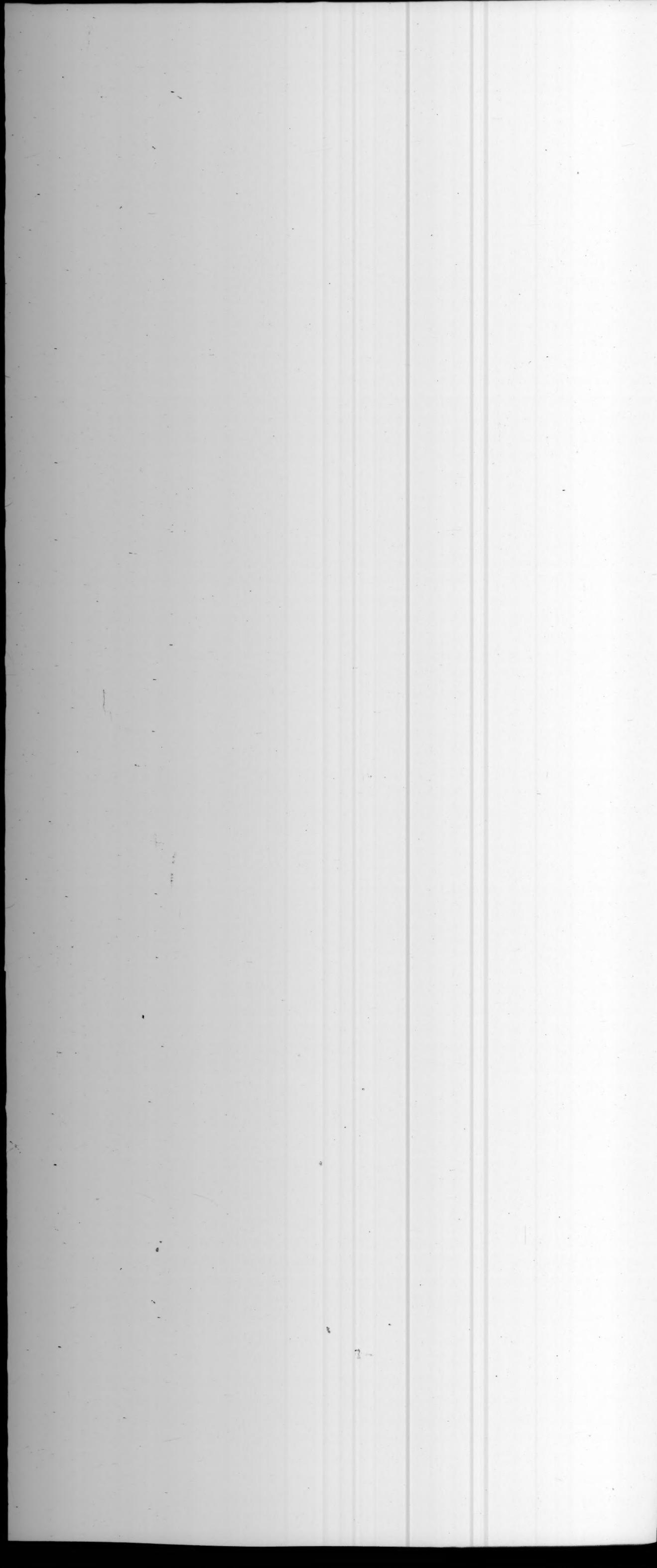
And that wee and Our Kingdome may thus bee supplied with so necessary and usefull a Service, wee did by Our said Commission give unto them, their Deputies, Assistants and Assigues, and every of them, by them or the greater part of them lawfully authorised, free libertie, licence, power and authoritie to trauell, or goe into any County, place or places within this Our Realme of England, and the Dominion of Wales, aswell within Liberties as without, as there with the approbation and assistance of the Lord Lieutenant and deputie Lieutenants, where they should happen to come, or of any other to bee by them deputed and appointed, to make a diligent Survey of all Armes, Armoires, Gunnes, Pikes, and Bandaliers whatsoeuer, appointed to be found and maintained at the common Charge of any Citie, Towne or Village, and of the Trained bands, in euery Countie, aswell horse as foot throughout Our said Realme of England, and Dominion of Wales; And vpon, and after the said Survey to new make, alter, amend, dresse, repaire, proue, and stamp (as need shall require) all or any the said Armoires, Guns, Pikes, and Bandaliers, and make them complete and fit for Service, as by the said Lord Lieutenant and deputy Lieutenants, or any other by them deputed or appointed as aforesaid, should be be approued and directed.



And that by the direction of the said Lord Lieutenants, or their Deputy Lieutenants of the severall Countys, and Divisions respectively, the said Armours, Gunnes, Pikes, and Bandaliers once or twice a yeere, or oftener (if neede shalld bee) bee brought to such conuenient place, and places vpon the Muster dayes, or at such other conuenient time, and times as they shalld thinke fit, to the end the same might be then and there viewed and suruayed, and as occasion shalld require, bee altered, amended, or renewed, as aforesaid, and that they might the better performe this Our seruice, and informe Us by the Lord Lieutenants, and Deputy Lieutenants, as aforesaid, as occasion shalld require of all such defects, and negligences, as might happen from time to time. Wee haue by the said Commission gien unto them, their Deputies, and Assigneis, full power and authority, by the direction of the said Lords Lieutenants, or Deputy Lieutenants, as aforesaid (if they shall so thinke it fit, and behouefull for Our Seruice) to require all Ministers of Musters, who haue the Records, or keeping of the Muster-rolles of the said Armours, shortly to deliuer unto our said Commissioners true Copies of the said Muster rolles, to the end they might bee truly informed who ought to be charged with the sayd Armours, Gunnes, Pikes, and Bandaliers according to the iust number and natures of them.

And vpon the same survey to obserue what numbers of Armes, Armours, Gunnes, Pikes, and Bandaliers were wholly wanting, as aforesaid, that are appointed and ought to bee charged vpon any person, or persons, in any place, and to distinguish the utterly unserviceable from such as by mending, and repaying, might bee made serviceable, and to set downe the numbers and natures of the defects, and to make vp the said Suruay in a Wooke, vnder the hands of Our said Commissioners, or anyone, two, three or more of them, to bee signed, and approoued of by the Lord Lieutenant, or Deputy Lieutenant, or such as they in every place shall depute for that purpose, to assist in the said Suruay: And likewise vpon such their Suruay to approoue of all such Armes, of the Common Armes and Trayned Band as shalld bee found fit for seruice, and to prooue and try all sorts of Gunnes, Pikes, and Bandaliers of the said Common Armes, and Trayned Band before they bee vsed, or exercised, and to approoue of such as shalld bee serviceable for warres, at the Owners charge, and being prooued, shalld allow as fit for seruice, and allowing shalld Stampe the same with the A. and the Crowne, being the Hall Marke of the Company of Workemen Armourers of London, which Marke or Stampe shalld (with the consent of the Lord Lieutenant or his Deputy Lieutenant) remaine in their custody who shalld haue the charge to bee entrusted with the execution of this Service: Wherein, and in Our said Whole Commission, they are further to follow such Instructions as are, or shall bee gien foorth from Us, or the Lords of Our Priveie Councell, or Councell of Warre in that behalfe.

And to the end no abuse, or deceit might bee in the number of Armes, Armours, Gunnes, Pikes, or Bandaliers borrowed one of another, wee did by the said Commission, gine Our said Commissioners, or the Maior part of them, their Deputies, or Assigneis, power and authority, to cause to bee framed, and made, and to vse, two other Markes or Stamps, to be first allowed by the Lords Lieutenants, or Deputy Lieutenant, or such as they shalld de-



pute for that purpose, the one to distinguish the County, the other the place or Division, where the said Armes, Armours, Gunnes, Pikes or Bandaliers are charged and bee; which Markes or Stamps shall remaine in the custodie of Our said Commissioners, or some of them their Deputies or Assigues, and shall be entred into the said Booke of Survey, to be Signed as abovesaid, for vsing and putting to of which Markes and Stamps of the place or Division aforesaid, wee did by Our said Commission hold it fit that Our Lord Lieutenants, or Our Deputy Lieutenants in every place and Division should appoint and set downe some competent allowance unto Our said Commissioners, their Deputies or Assigues for their labour and attendance vpon Our Service herein.

And that vpon the entreatie of Our said Commissioners, their Deputies or Assigues (according as the wants and defects of the said Armours, Gunnes, Pikes, and Bandaliers, should appeare vpon the said Booke of Survey signed as aforesaid, Our said Lords Lieutenants and their Deputy Lieutenants of the severall Countys respectively in Our name should command and give order to the severall places and persons chargeable therewith, within a reasonable time, and at some convenient place, to be prescribed to supply such defects, either by prouiding new Armoires, Gunnes, Pikes and Bandaliers, or by mending and repaying the old, as there should be cause.

And to the end no excesse of Prices may either through necessitie or ignorance bee put vpon the Countrey for new Armoires, Gunnes, Pikes, or Bandaliers; or for the dressing, repaying, prouing and stamping the old and serviceable, wee did by Our Commission require and command, That no Armourer, Gun-maker, Pike-maker, or Bandalier-maker, who should bee imployed in this Service, should demand, take or receive for any new Armoires, Gunnes, Pikes or Bandaliers, for dressing, repaying, prouing or stamping the old, or any part of them aboue the rates and prices in the aforesaid Schedule expressed.

And wee did also by Our said Commission, will, require and command, all persons charged with Armes, Armoires, Gunnes, Pikes or Bandaliers of the common Armes, or the Trayned Band, that should then after haue of Our said Commissioners, their Deputies or Assigues any new Armoires, Gunnes, Pikes or Bandaliers, or should haue any Armoires Gunnes, Pikes or Bandaliers, dressed, amended, repayred, proued or stamped by them or any of them, That they vpon such hauing or recieving from them any such new Armoires, Gunnes, Pikes, or Bandaliers, or vpon their hauing of their Armoires, Gunnes, Pikes, or Bandaliers, or any of them dressed, amended, altered, repayred, proued, or stamped, as aforesaid, should satisfie, content and pay Our said Commissioners, their Deputies or Assigues, or any of them for the same, according to the Rates & Prices in the foresaid Schedule expressed and set down: And if any difference at any time should arise touching the natures or numbers of defects, betweene the Armourers, Gun-makers, Pike-makers and Bandalier-makers imployed for the said new making, mending, dressing, repaying, prouing and stamping of any of the Armoires, Gunnes, Pikes, or Bandaliers, of the common Armes or Trayned Band aforesaid, and those in whose custody the said Armoires, Gunnes, Pikes or Bandaliers should be or remaine, That the same should be ordered by the Lords Lieutenants, or Deputie Lieutenants, or any of them, or such as should be by them or any one of them deputed for the time being, Who should take the Survey aboue mentioned, as by Our said

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Now to the end all Our loving Subiects may take knowledge what wee command or forbide to be done in this so important and necessary Service for the generall good of this Our Kingdome, and that Our people may not plead ignorance, wee doe hereby will, require and command all and singuler Our Lieutenants, deputy Lieutenants, Justices of Peace, Mayors, Sherifffes, Muster-masters, Captaines of Bands, and their Lieutenants, high Constables, Constables, Headboroughes, and other Our Officers, Ministers, and loving Subiects. That they and euery of them be from time to time aiding, helping, and assisting vnto Our said Commissioners, their Deputies, Assistants, and Assigues, and to such others, as shall bee by them, or any of them employed in the execution of the same Our Commission or the Service thereby required and intended in all things, as shall be most meet, and to perorme what to them or any of them respectiuyly shall appertaine according to Our pleasure herein, and by Our said Commission declared.

And because wee are credibly giuen to understand, that the osten and continuall altering and changing of the fashion of Armes and Armours (some Countreys and parts of this Kingdome hauing Armours of one fashion, some of another) doe put many of Our loving Subiects to a great and vnnecessary charge and more then need reqnireth: For the auoing whereof, Our will and pleasure is, And wee doe hereby appoint and command, That hereafter there shalbe but one uniforme fashion of Armours of the said common and Trained Bands throughout Our said Kingdome of England, and Dominion of Wales, When as any of the said Armes shall be supplied and new made, And that, that forme and fashion of Armour shall be agreeable to the last and moderne fashion lately set downe and appointed to be vsed by the Lords and others of Our Councell at Warre. The paternes whereof are now and shall remaine in the Office of Our Ordinance from time to time; Which is Our pleasure likewise concerning Gunnes, Pikes, and Bandaliers: Whereof paternes are and shall remaine from time to time in Our said Office.

And Our will and pleasure also is, That (for the better completing of every of the Musketiers of Our said Trained Band, and that they may be bettef fitted and appointed for Service if need require) euery Musketier of the common and Trained Band, shall haue, and bee from time to time furnished and prouided of an head piece, agreeable to the moderne fashion of the head-pieces of the Footmans Armour, Whereof the paterne remaineth also in Our foresaid Office of Ordinance.

And whereas wee are likewise credibly informed, That divers Tinkers, Cutlers and Smiths, and other Botchers of Armes, by their vnskilfulness haue vterly spoiled many Armes, Armours and Gunnes (which by a skilfull Workeman might haue beeene altered, dressed, amended, and made serviceable) and yet haue required great rates of the Countrey for doing thereof, and divers Tradesmen of other Trades and Mysteries, doe buy, barter and sell Armes, Armours, Gunnes, Pikes and Bandaliers, which are bad and insufficient, to the great preindice of Our loving Subiects, the same also not being agreeable to the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme.

Wee doe therefore hereby straightly charge and command, prohibite and absolutely forbide, That no person or persons whatsoever (not hauing serued seuen yeeres, or beene brought vp as an Apprentice or Apprentices in the Trade or Mystery of an Armourer, Gunn-maker, Pike-maker, and Bandalier-maker, and therat serued their full time of seuen yeeres (other then the

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said Commissioners, their Assigues, Deputies, Factors, or seruants, or such as they shall allow of, and employ, and shall bee bound to doe Us such Service, when they shall bee thereunto required, and haue his Name and dwelling place entered by Our said Commissioners, or some of them by their recommendation, in the Office of Our Ordinance, as aforesaid) doe make, mend, alter, change, dresse, repaire, prooue, or stamp any Armes, Armours, Gunnes, Pikes, or Bandaliers of the Common Armes, or Trayned Band whatsoeuer, or any others, or any of them, or any part of them, or intermeddle therein.

Neuerthelesse, it is Our will and pleasure, And we doe hereby straightly charge, Command, and declare, That Our said Commissioners giue encouragement, and respect, vnto all such Skilfull and well-deseruing Workemen, of all sorts of Armes as they shall finde in euery place, or part, Within this Our Kingdome, and Dominion aforesaid, to haue them employed, and set on Worke.

And it is Our will and pleasure, That if Our said Commissioners shall not bee present, either by themselves, their seruants, deputies, or assigues in every County and place, When, and where any defects in Armes, Gunnes, Pikes, and Bandaliers at Bustars or other such publike meetings in each County shall bee found: Or if Our said Commissioners, or any from, or vnder them, beeing so present in any County, and place, shall bee unwilling, and negligent to make, amend, dresse, repaire, and stamp the said Armes, Gunnes, Pikes, and Bandaliers according to the intent of Our said Commission, and these presents.

Then it shall be lawfull in such their negligence, and default, at such time, or times, and in such cases onely for the said Owners of Armes to carry their Armours, Gunnes, Pikes, and Bandaliers vnto such Countrey Workeman beeing skilfull in their Trade, as heretofore haue made, or amended any of them, to amend, and repaire them as heretofore they haue done, Without any trouble, or interruption of Our said Commissioners, or any for, or vnder them, Any thing in these presents, or in Our said Commission to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And wee doe hereby also absolutely forbid, That no Ironmonger, Cutler, Chaundler or other person whatsoeuer, doe from henceforth Vente, or Sell any Armes, Armours, Gunnes, Pikes, or Bandaliers, or any part of them, but such as shall bee prooued, and stamped with the said Hall Marke of the Company of Workemen Armourers aforesaid, beeing the proofe Marke, and also warranted by Our said Commissioners, or some of them, or such as they shall appoint thereunto, and be allowed by them to be sufficient, vpon paine and penalty of Our high indignation, and displeasure, and such other penalties, and imprisoments, as by the Lawes of this Realme, or by Our Prerogative Royall may be inflicted vpon them, for such their Offences and contempts.

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God sauе the King.

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